

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015

The South Dakota Brand Board met on September 16, 2015. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Harold Deering, Silvia Christen, and Kyle Holt were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

Motion by Blum to adopt the agenda, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance to approve minutes of the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending August 31, 2015. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,288,194.50; Brand Inspection Fund \$406,018.65; Theft and Prevention Fund \$201,980.44. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as of August 31, 2015 second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

DCI Livestock Investigators – Mosteller reported on the following: One road check since last meeting resulted in 2 charges for violation of brand inspection laws; Motor Carrier has agreed to assist with road checks – anticipate some on the western side of the State; Presented an example of the timeline from when a crime occurs to the results of the investigation.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report as of August 31, 2015: Livestock Markets – 20,904 head; Locker Plants – 247 head, Locals – 14,946 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 81 head, for a total of 36,178 head. Total head inspected for period ending August 31, 2014 was 34,994. Bothwell stated total number head inspected in July and August 2015 ranks 6th out of the last seven fiscal years in order of most number inspected to least number inspected.

Director's Report: Trapp reported on the bids for publishing the brand book – brand book will be 8 ½" x 11" as compared to 7" x 10.25", which is the size of the 2010 brand book. Creasey Printing was the low bid which was several thousand dollars less than the smaller size. Five trainings have been scheduled for brand inspectors at various locations in the brand inspection area.

Hold Hearing BB #244 – Martin Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black calf, motion by Vance to escheat \$416.37 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Maximum rates for brand board services, as set forth in SDCL 40-18-16, were discussed. The current fees for brand registration and renewal and brand inspections are at the maximums. Drafts of possible legislation were reviewed. A committee will be formed to make recommendations for the 2017 Legislative Session.

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Open Comments: The new Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Kyle Holt, was introduced; Sylvia Christensen invited everyone to the Stockgrowers Convention October 1 - 2, 2015 in Rapid City, SD at the Ramkota.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 11:51 a.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 12:06 p.m.

Pres. Blair adjourned the meeting.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.